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SUBJECT CONFERENCE ON POLITICAL DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA

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1. FRANCISCO DELICH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
CONSEJO LATINOAMERICANO DE CIENCIAS SOCIALES (CLACSO)--
WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A NUCLEUS OF ACADEMIC AND
RESEARCH CENTERS IN LATIN AMERICA--ACCOMPANIED BY
TWO UNION CIVICA RADICAL (UCRP) POLITICAL PARTY
FIGURES (RAUL ALFONSIN AND LUIS CAEIRO) HAS INFORMED
EMBOFFS OF CLACSO'S PLANS TO HOLD A REGAIONDL CONFERENCE
IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, OCTOBER 16-20, ON THE SUBJECT
OF "SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA."
ACCORDING TO DELICH, THE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE IS TO
EXAMINE (A) THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT AUTHORITARIAN
POLITICAL REGIMES IN LATIN AMERICA INCLUDING THE
HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS WHICH MADE THEM
POSSIBLE AND (B) THE SOCIO-POLITICAL CONDITIONS NECESSARY
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FOR DEVELOPING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMTNS IN THE HEMISPHERE.
2. THOSE EXPECTED TO READ PAPERS AT THE CONFERENCE
INCLUDE ARGENTINES RAUL PREBISCH (CEPAL), GINO GERMANI
(CURRENTLY AT HARVARD) AND GUILLERMO O'DONNELL (CEDES);
BRAZILIANS FERNANDO HENRIQUE CARDOSO AND VINICIUS CALDEIRA
BRANDT (CEBRAP) AND HELIO JAGUARIBE (RIO UNIVERSITY);
JOSE LUIS REYNA OF MEXICO, HECTOR SILVA MICHELENA OF THE

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF VENEZUELA; ENZO FALETTI OF FLACSO;
AND OTHERS. FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER GABRIEL
VALDES (CURRENTLY WITH UNDP) IS EXPECTED TO BE AMONG THE
GUESTS.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ACADEMIC CHARACTER OF THE CONFERENCE,
ALFONSIN, WHO IS A LEADER IN THE LEFT SECTOR OF THE
ARGENTINE UCR PARTY, SEES THE CONFERENCE AS A POLITICAL
HAPPENING SIGNIFICANT FOR THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY IN
LATIN AMERICA. ACCORDING TO ALFONSIN, IMPORTANT MEMBERS
OF LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PERSUASION INTEND TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE CONFERENCE (INCLUDING ALFONSIN).

4. CLACSO IS INTERESTED INVITING PROMINENT US
LEGISLATORS (OF BOTH DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES)
TO THE CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS USG OFFICIALS, AND HAS
ASKED FOR EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS. END LOU.

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COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IN CONVENTIONAL ARGENTINE ACADEMIC
CIRCLES CLACSO MAY HAVE SOMETHING OF A "LEFT OF CENTER"
REPUTATION, ALL THAT WE KNOW OF THE ORGANIZATION--
INCLUDING ITS US TIES-- DEMONSTRATES THAT IT DESERVES
USG GOODWILL AND, WHERE POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, SUPPORT.
GIVEN HOWEVER, THE PRESENT DETERIORATION OF US-ARGENTINE
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BILATERAL RELATIONS OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, AS WELL
AS THE HYPERSENSITIVITY OF MEMBERS OF THE GOA WHO PROFESS
TO SEE A PATTERN OF US PLOTTING AGAINST THE MILITARY
REGIME, EMBOFFS LIMITED THEMSELVES IN THIS INITIAL
ENCOUNTER WITH DELICH TO RECOMMENDING THAT HE SEND
INVITATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE SENATE FOREIGN AND HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES. END CONFIDENTIAL

6. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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